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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/784,231

Applicant(s)

GELFAND ET AL.

Examiner

William H. Matthews (Howie)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 28-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-10,13-24,27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reich US PN 6554819.

3. Reich disclose a method of protecting a kidney from an insult by temporarily occluding a vein leading to the kidneys. The figures and description apply the method to a coronary sinus, but lines 12-21 of column 5 disclose applying the method to veins leading to the kidneys in order to protect the kidneys from contrast associated nephropathy. Reich lack the express written disclosure of blocking blood flow in the renal veins (which directly lead into the kidneys). At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method of Reich to include the step of blocking blood flow within the renal veins, as opposed to each vein draining an organ or extremity as disclosed in Reich, in order to simplify a surgical procedure involving angiography across plural regions of the body. Furthermore, one of

ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize the renal veins as one option among veins flowing to the kidneys because blood is only transported to the kidneys through the renal veins.

4. Claims 11,12,25,26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reich US PN 6554819 as applied to claims 1 and 14 above and in further view of Doty et al. Effect of Increased Renal Venous Pressure on Renal Function.

5. Reich disclose the limitations of claims 11,12,25,26 as described above but lack the express written disclosure of increasing the pressure by about 30-60 mmHg. However, Reich disclose allowing pressure to increase until it is too excessive (lines 24-47 of col. 3). Doty et al. teach renal venous pressure may increase by about 30 mmHg without causing permanent damage. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the method disclosed by Reich to provide increased pressure of at about 30 mmHg, as taught by Doty et al., because 30 mmHg is known as a safe pressure level.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Matthews (Howie) whose telephone number is 571-272-4753. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10-6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine M. McDermott can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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William H. Matthews (Howie)
Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. H. Matthews', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.